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ROUTING AND RECORD SHEET

SUBJECT: (Optional) Federal Aviation Regulations Part 108 - Airplane Operator Security				
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TO: (Officer designation, room number, and building)	DATE		OFFICER'S INITIALS	COMMENTS (Number each comment to show from whom to whom. Draw a line across column after each comment.)
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1. C/DCI Security Staff 7.D 6002 Hdqs		<i>b/bu</i>		<p>At the request of the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), we are to outline the authority and policies of CIA relating to the circumstances which permit our personnel to carry firearms.</p> <p>I have attached a copy of our 28 December 1981 letter for your information.</p> <p>Please prepare a draft letter to the FAA for <input type="text"/> signature updating the previous authority and policies. Your response is requested by COB Friday, 20 November.</p> <p><i>We kept the BAA info for our files. It answered several questions.</i></p>
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Dear Mr. Salazar:

In response to your request of 20 Oct 1987 regarding current Central Intelligence Agency policy of firearms on aircraft the following authority and statutes apply:

The primary authority permitting personnel of the Central Intelligence Agency to carry firearms remains basically unchanged ~~since~~ from my predecessor's letter of 28 December 1981. That authority, as amended, is contained in Section 502 Subsection (d) of section 5 of the Central Intelligence Agency Act of 1949 (50 U.S.C. 403f **(C)**) promulgated in Public Law 97-89, dated 4 December 1981.

(1981) Original letter changed

The provisions of this Act "authorize personnel designated by the Director to carry firearms to the extent necessary for the performance of the Agency's authorized functions, except that, purposes of protection of classified materials and information, the training of Agency personnel and other authorized persons in the use of firearms, the protection of Agency installations and property, and the protection of Agency personnel and of defectors, their families, and other persons in the United States under Agency auspices."

The above Act was passed by Congress to further clarify the CIA's authority to provide employees with firearms when necessary to protect CIA personnel as well as classified information and materials. The legislative history of this statute reflects that Congress expressly recognized the importance of many CIA functions, including physical protection of its personnel, and the occasional need for measures such as the carrying of firearms to meet those responsibilities. Similar recognition of the importance of the protection function, and of the increased threat of terrorist

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